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Applicant:	Caudle	Docket No:	D-43260-04
Serial No.:	09/846,714	Examiner:	Jes F. Pascua
Filing Date:	May 1, 2001	GAU:	3727
Title:	Contoured Pouch With Pourable Spout, and Apparatus and Process for Producing Same		

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.131

I, Timothy Gray Caudle, declare the following:

1. I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.
2. The subject patent application is a divisional application, and claims the benefit, of US Patent Application Serial No. 09/410,353 filed on September 30, 1999.
3. Prior to May 5, 1999, I had completed and was in possession of my invention as described and claimed in the subject application in this country, as evidenced by the following:
 - a. Prior to May 5, 1999, having earlier conceived the idea of making a pouch including two lateral edges, the lateral edges each having a concave surface and a convex surface, the concave surface of each lateral edge being substantially opposite the convex surface of the other lateral edge, I sent a facsimile to personnel of an equipment supplier with whom my company has a business relationship. The facsimile is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
 - b. The facsimile included as an attachment several drawings, including one (Figure 5) which discloses a pouch including two lateral edges, the lateral edges each having a concave surface and a convex surface, the concave surface of each

lateral edge being substantially opposite the convex surface of the other lateral edge. The drawing also shows a pouch in which each of the first and the second lateral edges includes a non-rectilinear portion, and in which a distance between the first and the second lateral edges is substantially the same for all elevations of the pouch. The attachment to the facsimile, showing the drawing, is attached hereto as Exhibit B. I sent my facsimile and my drawing with the intent of having sample pouches made according to my proposed design.

c. After the facsimile of Exhibit A and the attached drawing of Exhibit B was sent, a follow up facsimile was sent to the same equipment supplier. This second facsimile refers to my Figure 5 of Exhibit B, and further discusses the geometry and advantages of my pouch design. This second facsimile is attached hereto as Exhibit C, and was sent prior to May 5, 1999.

d. Sample pouches were made according to Figure 5 of my design as described and shown in my first facsimile and drawing (Exhibits A and B) and sent to me prior to May 5, 1999. A third facsimile, at paragraph 19 on page 3 of that facsimile, acknowledges the production of the sample "S" shape pouch made according to my design by our equipment manufacturer. This third facsimile, sent prior to May 5, 1999, is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

e. Also attached are five of my engineering drawings, numbered "Bar 1", "Bar 2", "Bar 3", "Bar 4", and "Knife 1", which define an end seal bar design, an end remaining seal bar design, a cut bar design, a cooling bar design, and a knife design respectively, useful for the manufacture of the pouch of my invention. These engineering drawings are attached hereto as Exhibit E, and were made prior to May 5, 1999.

4. Each of the dates deleted from Exhibits A-E is prior to May 5, 1999.

5. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true. Such statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the present application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Declared this 31st day of October, 2003.



Timothy Gray Caudle

EXHIBIT A



Fax

Cryovac North America

P. O. Box 464
Duncan, SC 29334-0464
USA

Tel: (864) 433-2000
Fax: (864) 433-0000
www.sealedair.com

Date: [REDACTED], 19[REDACTED] (Ref. No. [REDACTED])

To: Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]

From: Tim G. Caudle

Fax #: 9-011-81-273-60-4526
9-011-81-3-3238-5913

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I hope that you both are doing well. I am writing in regards to a recent request that Cryovac received from [REDACTED]. This customer was curious as to whether or not Cryovac could supply them with a stand-up pouch similar to a package that they have recently test marketed. They would like to use this stand-up pouch to package fruit drinks in 8-ounce quantities. Included in this fax are several sketches for your reference and consideration.

5. Figure 5 - this figure illustrates an idea which does not require removal of scrap or excess film between pouches. It utilizes a contour shape that is sealed and cut. Both the top and bottom of this pouch have gussets, while the straw would be hot glued or attached to the face of the pouch.

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This particular stand-up pouch has a large market potential (approximately [REDACTED] million pouches/year and multiple [REDACTED] systems) and is worthy of consideration [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please examine and discuss the above information and advise your thoughts on the possibility of producing one of the above pouches (or a alternate/similar design) on the [REDACTED] system. Thank you very much for your consideration regarding the above issue. Take care.

Best regards,



Tim G. Caudle

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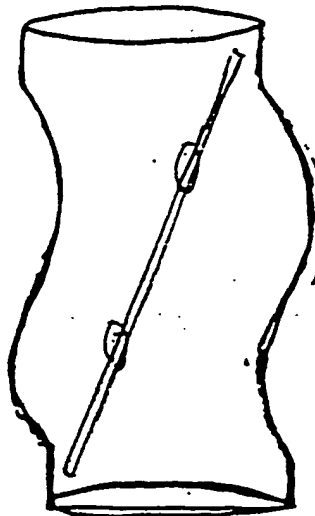
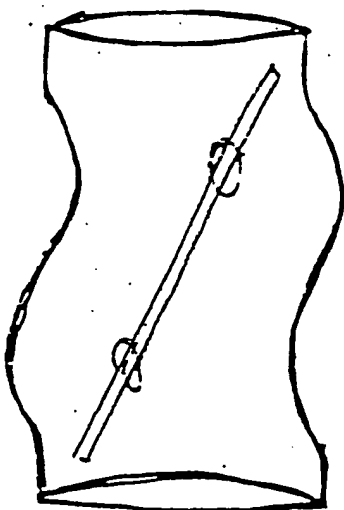
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← Figure 1

← Figure 2

Figure 3

← Figure 4



← Figure 5

EXHIBIT C

CRYOVAC Fax
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USA

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Date: [REDACTED] 19 [REDACTED] (Ref. No. [REDACTED])

To: Mr. [REDACTED]

From: Tim G. Caudle

Fax #: 9-011-81-3-3238-5913

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Dear [REDACTED]:

I hope that you are doing well. I am writing in regards to the special stand-up pouch project [REDACTED]. Cryovac would like for [REDACTED] to investigate the approximate cost and lead-time required to design, fabricate and test the components necessary to produce this special stand-up pouch on the [REDACTED] machine.

Cryovac assumes that [REDACTED] would be adapting the [REDACTED] machine to produce the special stand-up pouch shown in Figure 5 of my [REDACTED] 19 [REDACTED] fax having Fax Ref. No. "A". Please advise if this is correct? As a note, the special stand-up pouch shown in Figure 5 of that fax illustrates an idea which does not require removal of scrap or excess film between pouches. It utilizes a contour shape that is sealed and cut. Both the top and bottom of this pouch have gussets, while the straw would be hot glued or attached to the face of the pouch.

Please investigate and discuss the above information and advise as to when [REDACTED] would be able to supply approximate cost and lead-time information on the components necessary to produce this special stand-up pouch on the [REDACTED] machine. Thank you very much for your consideration regarding this important issue and take care.

Best regards,

Tim G. Caudle

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EXHIBIT D

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Fax: (864) 433-0000
www.sealedair.com

Date: [REDACTED], 19[REDACTED] (Ref. No. [REDACTED])

To: Mr. [REDACTED]

From: Tim G. Caudle

Fax #: 9-704-392-1621

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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you very much for taking the time to visit Cryovac/Duncan, SC on Friday, [REDACTED], 19[REDACTED]. Below is a list of issues discussed during your visit for reference and follow-up purposes.

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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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19. It was confirmed that [REDACTED] will definitely require an unique shape for their application. They approve of the sample "S" shape stand-up pouch previously supplied by [REDACTED]. In addition, there is a possibility that they may prefer an easy open feature with a special integral straw design instead of a top gusset with an adhered straw (separate component). Cryovac will advise of this customer's intentions regarding this issue as soon as further details are available. Recently, Cryovac was advised that this customer will require an 8-ounce package instead of a 10-ounce package.
20. Would it be possible for [REDACTED] to manually produce sample "S" shape stand-up pouches with no top seal, no liquid inside and no easy open feature? If so, would it be possible for [REDACTED] to manually produce approximately 300-600 of these sample packages?
21. All [REDACTED] Model [REDACTED] machine drawings are to be delivered to Cryovac/PESC at [REDACTED] 19[REDACTED].

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22.

Thank you for your assistance and support and please let me know if there are any questions or if I can be of further assistance. Take care.

Best regards,

Tim G. Caudle

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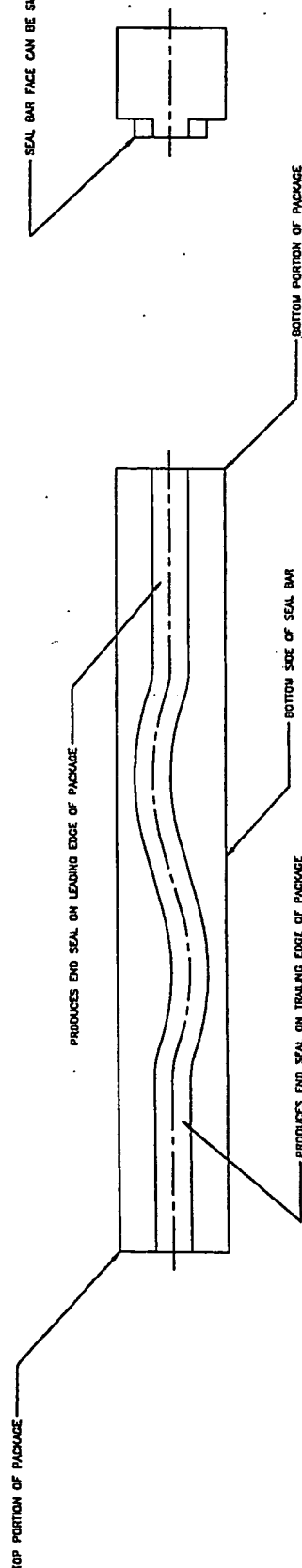
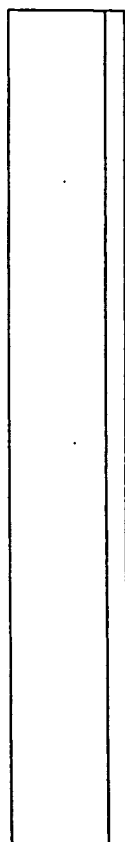
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SEAL BAR FACE CAN BE SMOOTH OR MULTI-RIBBED, SMOOTH IS SHOWN

NOTES:

- DRAWING ILLUSTRATES THE TYPICAL DESIGN OF END SEAL BAS.
- END SEAL BARS ARE METAL (BRASS OR ALUMINUM) WITH NON-STICK COATING.

DIMENSIONAL TOLERANCES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED		QTY.	PART NO.	MATERIAL	DESCRIPTION
FUNCTION		1328	WAVE PRISM		
FRACTIONAL	± .004 ± .002				
DECIMAL	± .01 ± .005				
WELD	AS SHOWN				
OTHER					

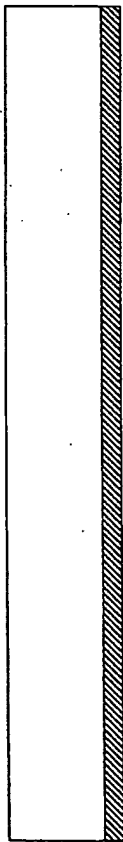
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CRVAC	1	✓	FOR PART OF DRAWING Q1D

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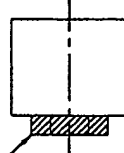
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SEAL BAR FACE TO BE VULCANIZED WITH RUBBER, WITH TETLON TAPE ON SURFACE



NOTES:

1. DRAWING ILLUSTRATES THE TYPICAL DESIGN OF HEATED END REMAINING SEAL BARS.
2. END REMAINING SEAL BARS ARE METAL (ALUMINUM) WITH A VULCANIZED RUBBER FACE AND TETLON TAPE ON THE SURFACE.

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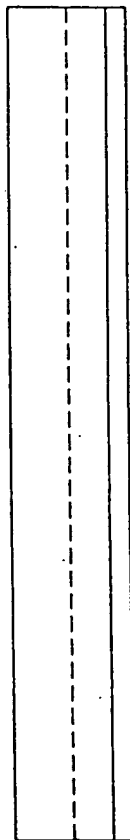
QTY.	DETAIL NO.	MATERIAL OR PART DESCRIPTION
1328	MADE FROM	CRYOVAC
DATE	TITLE	TYPICAL END REMAINING SEAL BAR DESIGN
CS	ENGINEER	CRYOVAC MODEL SYSTEM
AS NOTED	DESIGNER	ENGINEER T. G. CAULE
		DRAWING NO. BARTZ

DIMENSIONAL TOLERANCES		UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
FUNCTION	WELDING	CASTING
FRACTIONAL	±1/64	±1/32
DECIMAL	±0.01	±0.02
ANGULAR	±1°	±1/2°

NOTE: BREAK ALL CORNERS	±1/16	±1/32	±1/64
EXCEPT	±1/16	±1/32	±1/64
AS NOTED	±1/16	±1/32	±1/64

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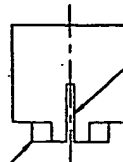
COOLS END SEAL ON LEADING EDGE OF PACKAGE

COOLS END SEAL ON TRAILING EDGE OF PACKAGE

BOTTOM SIDE OF SEAL BAR

BOTTOM PORTION OF PACKAGE

SEAL BAR FACE CAN BE SMOOTH OR MULTI-RIBBED, SMOOTH IS SHOWN



KNIFE SLOT

NOTES:

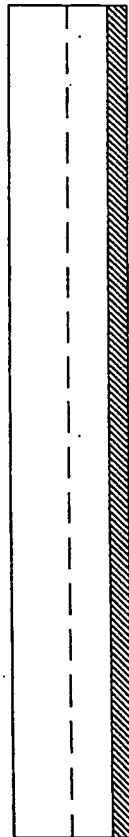
- DRAWING ILLUSTRATES THE TYPICAL DESIGN OF CUT BARS (WATER COOLED).
- CUT BARS ARE METAL (BRASS OR ALUMINUM), HAVE A NON-STICK COATING AND CONTAIN THE END SEAL KNIFE, D/N KNIFE).

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QTY.	1328	DETAIL NO.	1328	MATERIAL OR PART DESCRIPTION	CRYOVAC
PROJ. ID	1328	MADE FROM		PROPERTY OF	CRYOVAC
DATE	1/1/78	TITLE	TYPICAL CUT BAR DESIGN	ENGINEER	CRYOVAC
PROD. CAT.	CS	ENGINEER	T. O. CAULE	DESIGNER	T. O. CAULE
EXCEPT	AS NOTED	SYSTEM	CRYOVAC MODEL	BAR	CRYOVAC
AS NOTED		ENGINEER	T. O. CAULE	DESIGNER	T. O. CAULE
AS NOTED		SYSTEM	CRYOVAC MODEL	BAR	CRYOVAC

DIMENSIONAL TOLERANCES			
FUNCTION	MACHINING	WELDING	CASTING
FRACTIONAL	±1/64	±1/32	±1/16
DECIMAL	±0.01	±0.03	±0.10
ANGULAR	±1°	±1°	±1°

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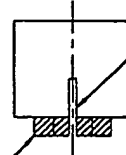
COOLS END SEAL ON LEADING EDGE OF PACKAGE

TOP SIDE OF SEAL BAR

COOLS END SEAL ON TRAILING EDGE OF PACKAGE

BOTTOM PORTION OF PACKAGE

SEAL BAR FACE TO BE VULCANIZED WITH RUBBER, WITH TETLON TAPE ON SURFACE



TOP PORTION OF PACKAGE

KNIFE SLOT

NOTES:

1. DRAWING ILLUSTRATES THE TYPICAL DESIGN OF COOLING SEAL BARS (WATER COOLED)
2. COOLING SEAL BARS ARE METAL (ALUMINUM) WITH A VULCANIZED RUBBER FACE AND TETLON TAPE ON THE SURFACE

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QTY	1	DETAIL NO.	1	MATERIAL OR PART DESCRIPTION	CRYOVAC
PROJ. NO.	1328	MADE FROM		PROPERTY OF	CRYOVAC
DATE				TITLE	TYPICAL COOLING SEAL BAR DESIGN
PROD. ON				CRYOVAC MODEL	SYSTEM
DESIGNER				ENGINEER T. G. CAULE	DRAWING NO.
				DESIGNER T. G. CAULE	BAR 4

DIMENSIONAL TOLERANCES		UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED		NOTE: BREAK ALL CORNERS	
FUNCTION	UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED	CASTING	WELDING	FINISH	AS NOTED
FRACTIONAL	$\pm 1/64$	$\pm 1/32$	$\pm 1/16$	$\pm 1/32$	$\pm 1/16$
DECIMAL	± 0.01	± 0.005	± 0.005	± 0.01	± 0.01
ANGULAR	$\pm 1/2^\circ$	$\pm 1^\circ$	$\pm 1^\circ$	$\pm 1/2^\circ$	$\pm 1/2^\circ$
NEXT ASSY.					

